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Petition for Extension of Time under 35 USC 1.136(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit their petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(b) for a total of two months to respond to the Examiner's answer mailed on April 15, 2009. A petition for extension for one month has already been filed on June 10, 2009 and the fee of \$130.00 therefor is deducted from the fee of \$490.00 due for the total of two months of extension now requested. Accordingly, a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) as required by 37 CFR 1.17 is attached hereto to cover the difference amount of \$360.00 now due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of payment to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

As noted in the petition for extension of time filed on June 10, 2009, the assignee has sent the Examiner's answer and the other materials of this application to Dr. Gauss for his review and comment so that an appropriate reply brief can be filed in response to the Examiner's answer. Dr. Gauss has submitted his written opinion to the assignee and the assignee now needs additional time so that the Patent Board of Carl Zeiss Surgical GmbH can consider Dr. Gauss' opinion and make a decision as to the further prosecution of this

application.

For the reason advanced above, an additional month's extension of time is respectfully requested so that the time for responding to the Examiner's answer will end on August 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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